



General Assembly

January Session, 2003

***Raised Bill No. 6619***

LCO No. 4007

Referred to Committee on Government Administration and  
Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED CHARTERS,  
CHARTER AMENDMENTS AND HOME RULE ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 7-191 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (d) Not later than fifteen days after receiving the final report, the  
5 appointing authority, by a majority vote of its entire membership, shall  
6 either approve the proposed charter, charter amendments or home  
7 rule ordinance amendments or reject the same or separate provisions  
8 thereof. Not later than forty-five days after a vote of the appointing  
9 authority to reject such matter, a petition for a referendum thereon,  
10 signed by not less than ten per cent of the electors of such  
11 municipality, as determined by the last-completed registry list thereof,  
12 and filed and certified in accordance with the provisions of section  
13 7-188, may be presented to the appointing authority. Not later than  
14 thirty days after approval by the appointing authority or the

15 certification of such a petition, a public notice concerning the proposed  
16 charter, charter amendments or home rule ordinance amendments  
17 shall be published [in full] at least once in a newspaper having a  
18 general circulation in the municipality. The public notice shall indicate  
19 that a copy of the proposed charter or amendment is available in the  
20 town clerk's office and that a copy of the charter or amendment shall  
21 be mailed to anyone who requests a copy. The town clerk shall mail or  
22 otherwise provide a copy of the charter or amendment to any person  
23 who requests a copy.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

***Statement of Purpose:***

To eliminate the requirement that proposed charters and proposed amendments to municipal charters or home rule ordinances be published in full and instead provide that a public notice be published that provides that an individual may obtain a copy of the charter or amendment from the town clerk.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*